

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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***Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination***

**Project Name (if any):** Delta Flood Emergency Facilities Improvement Project, a Component of the Delta Flood Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Program

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**Project Location** (include County):

The Initial Study/Mitigation Negative Declaration addresses the potential development, improvement, and operation of three permanent rock stockpile and emergency transfer sites in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta area. These sites are located at:

1. 1404, 1541 and 1325 West Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA (Stockton West Weber Avenue). County of San Joaquin
2. Central Valley Flood Protection Board Dredge Disposal Site, at Airport Road, Rio Vista, CA (Rio Vista). County of Solano.
3. Brannan Island State Recreation Area, CA (Brannan Island). County of Sacramento.

**Project Description:** Under the facilities implementation component of the Delta Flood Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Program (DFEPRRP) the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) proposes to acquire long-term access and improve up to three sites in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta); these sites are located in Stockton, Rio Vista, and Brannan-Andrus. The Delta Flood Emergency Facility Improvement Project (FIP) consists of improving three transfer facilities sites where quarry rock, sand, soil and other flood fight materials can be efficiently transferred from trucks to barges to expedite levee repairs and facilitate channel closures in the event

of Delta levee breaches. In addition, the FIP sites would serve other emergency response functions needed by DWR to respond rapidly and effectively to significant emergencies in the Delta, including storage of repair materials and flood fight supplies, and Incident Command Posts (ICPs). DWR proposes to acquire the needed sites through purchase from willing private sellers or through long-term lease arrangements with other governmental agencies. DWR would utilize existing improvements and construct additional improvements as needed to support the proposed emergency response functions. Such improvements are likely to include fencing, docking and loading facilities, parking, temporary office trailers, utilities (water, power, communications, and wastewater), fencing, lighting, and security improvements.

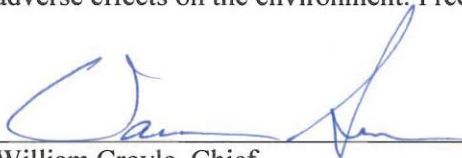
This is to advise that the **California Department of Water Resources** has approved the above described project on May 30, 2013 and has made the following determination regarding the above described project:

1. The project    will   X   will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
  X   A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures   X   were        were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations    was   X   was not adopted for this project.
5. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan   X   was    was not adopted for the is projects
6. Findings   X   were        were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

**This is to certify that the Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:**

California Department of Water Resources  
Division of Flood Management  
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**Certification by Persons Responsible for Preparation of this Document:** The Department of Water Resources, Division of Flood Management Engineering has been responsible for the preparation of this Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and the incorporated Initial Study. I believe this document meets the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, is an accurate description of the proposed project, and that the lead agency has the means and commitment to implement the project design measures that will ensure the project does not have any significant, adverse effects on the environment. I recommend approval of this document.


*FWR*   
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William Croyle, Chief  
Flood Operations Branch  
Division of Flood Management Engineering  
California Department of Water Resources

*6/3/13*  
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Date

(\*To be signed upon completion of the public review process and preparation of a final project approval package, including responses to comments, if any, on the environmental document and any necessary modifications to project design measures.)

**Approval of the Project by the Lead Agency:** Pursuant to Section 21082.1 of the California Environmental Quality Act, the California Department of Water Resources has independently reviewed and analyzed the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project and finds that the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration reflect the independent judgment of the California Department of Water Resources. The lead agency finds that the project design features will be implemented as stated in the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

I hereby approve this project:

  
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Keith Swanson, Chief  
Division of Flood Management  
California Department of Water Resources

6/5/13  
Date